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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 36671-744.502

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Kenneth E. Buechler ) Group Art Unit: 1641  
Application No.: 10/645,874 ) Examiner: Lam, Leon Yun Bon  
Filed: August 20, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 8658  
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR )  
MEASURING BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE )  
Natriuretic Peptides AND FOR )  
IMPROVING THEIR THERAPEUTIC )  
POTENTIAL )

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

M/S Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated June 26, 2009. This Response is submitted AUGUST 7, 2009, therefore no extension fee is believed to be required to enter this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and/or applicable section, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Attorney Docket No. 36671-744.502).

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this response.

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